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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/65/102/Rev.1 of 11 August 2010, the General Assembly will be required, at its current session, to appoint six persons to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the Committee on Contributions, for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2011.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Joseph Acakpo-Satchivi (Benin)

Gordon Eckersley (Australia)

Bernardo Greiver del Hoyo (Uruguay)

Juan Ndong Mbomio Mangue (Equatorial Guinea)

Pedro Luis Pedroso (Cuba)

Thomas Schlesinger (Austria)

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow (see annex).

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Annex

Curricula vitae

Joseph Acakpo-Satchivi (Benin)

Date of birth: 22 January 1943

Place of birth: Ouidah, Benin

Higher education

Faculty of Law and Political Science, Université d'Orléans, France: Bachelor's degree in law and political science (October 1969)

International Institute of Public Administration, Diplomacy Section, Paris: Diploma (December 1970)

Practical diplomatic training

Practical diplomatic training acquired at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris, the United Nations Office at Geneva and the French Embassy in Vienna (1970)

United Nations People Management Training Programme, Glen Cove, New York and Nicosia, July 1996 and June 2005, respectively

United Nations experience

Since January 2008: Member of the United Nations Committee on Contributions

August 2004-September 2006: Chief of Staff of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

In that capacity, I provided policy and strategic guidance to the Special Representative; served as the focal point for communication between the mission and United Nations Headquarters; ensured the coordination of the budget performance framework for the mission and also ensured that the various sections of the mission implemented policies in a coordinated manner

July 1992-February 2003: Secretary of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Economic and Social Council

In that capacity, I was responsible for planning, developing, managing, coordinating and providing a whole range of administrative and technical support services to the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly, which deals with administrative and budgetary matters, and the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

I also managed all the activities of the secretariats of the Fifth Committee and the Committee for Programme and Coordination, studied and assessed all the activities and practices of the Secretariat and ensured that administrative and technical services covering all areas of the mandates of those two subsidiary bodies of the General Assembly were provided in an efficient and effective manner.

Within the framework of the reform process, and wishing to contribute to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the two above-mentioned Committees, I prepared a series of recommendations designed to streamline their respective programmes of work.

June 1987-July 1992: Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination of the Economic and Social Council

October 1980-July 1992: Secretary of intergovernmental and expert bodies dealing with social and economic affairs and of various conferences and summits, for example the United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Milan, 1985, and Havana, 1990), the Ministerial Meeting on the creation of an Effective United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (Versailles, France, 1991), the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1992), the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

Diplomatic experience

March-September 2004: Special Adviser of the delegation of Benin to the Security Council

November 1980: Member of the delegation responsible for mediation activities during the Iran-Iraq conflict

January-December 1976: Plenipotentiary representative of Benin to the Security Council

September 1973-December 1976: Participated in meetings of the United Nations General Assembly, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (December 1973)

February 1974-August 1976: Head of administrative and financial services, Permanent Mission of Benin to the United Nations, New York

February-August 1973: Deputy Director of the Department for International Organizations and Technical Assistance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cotonou

June 1972-February 1973: Special Assistant to the Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cotonou

January 1971: Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cotonou

Other activities

Expert adviser to the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation and representative of the United Nations at the Foundation's various conferences in Tokyo (1992), Kuala Lumpur (1993), Manila (1994), Bangkok (1995), Seoul (1996), Tokyo (1997), New Delhi (1998), Beijing (2000) and Guangzhou, China (2001)

Gordon Eckersley (Australia)

Present position

Vice-Chair of the United Nations Committee on Contributions. Member of the Committee since 16 March 2006, when elected to fill the unexpired period of a vacancy

A career foreign service officer, Mr. Eckersley is currently granted leave to work as a Paris-based consultant, where his wife is serving in the Embassy of Australia to France. He is anticipated to return to the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in late 2011

Previous professional experience in the foreign service

2009	Australian delegation member, Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, Port of Spain
	Adviser, Australian delegation to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Paris Vice-Chair, Administration Commission, UNESCO General Conference
2007	Foreign service course member, Centre for Defence and Strategic Studies (Australian Defence College), Canberra
2005-2006	Executive Officer/Acting Director, United Nations and Commonwealth Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra
2001-2004	Australian representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, The Hague, the Netherlands
2000	Deputy Director, Agricultural Trade Policy Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra
1997-1999	Deputy Head, Automotive Trade Task Force, Canberra
1995-1996	Executive Officer, Industrials Trade Policy Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Canberra
1993-1994	Consul, Australian Consulate General, Noumea
1989-1992	Third/Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations, Geneva
	Member of Australian delegation to the forty-fourth through forty-sixth sessions of the United Nations General Assembly

Other professional experience

1981-1987	Army officer, Australian Regular Army

Education

Master of arts (strategic studies), Deakin University, Geelong, Australia

Bachelor of arts (honours in economics), University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia

Graduate of the Royal Military College of Australia, Canberra

Bernardo Greiver del Hoyo (Uruguay)

Date and place of birth: 5 November 1962, Montevideo

Family status: Married with two children

Education

Degree in Foreign Relations (Universidad de la Republica, Montevideo)

Graduated from the Artigas Foreign Service Institute (Diplomatic School of Uruguay)

Professional career

2010	Ambassador of Uruguay to Israel
2008-2009	Director General for Cultural Affairs and International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2008-2009	Chair of the Association of Diplomatic Employees of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2008	Director (interim) of the Artigas Foreign Service Institute (Diplomatic School of Uruguay)
2007-2008	Director of Human Resources, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2006-2009	Chair of the United Nations Committee on Contributions
2006	Promoted to minister counsellor following competitive examination
2004-2005	Vice-Chair of the United Nations Committee on Contributions
2002-2006	Minister counsellor, Embassy of Uruguay to Mexico
2000-2003	Member of the United Nations Committee on Contributions
2000-2001	Chief of secretariat to the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2001	Promoted to counsellor following competitive examination
1999	Diplomatic staff member of the secretariat to the President of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly of the United Nations
1996	Promoted to first secretary following competitive examination
1994-1999	Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the United Nations (Second and Fifth Committees)
1993	Chief of the Secretariat of the Office for Technical and Administrative Matters, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1992	Diplomatic Secretary, General Office for Cultural Affairs
1991	Diplomatic secretary to the Department of Political Affairs, Division of Eastern Europe and the Former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
1990	Office of Consular Affairs
1989	Joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs following recruitment via competitive examination

Juan Ndong Mbomio Mangue (Equatorial Guinea)

Personal data

Date of birth: 7 July 1974

Country: Equatorial Guinea

Marital status: married

Current position: First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Equatorial Guinea to the United Nations

Previous position: Director-General for foreign policy and treaties

Primary education, in Equatorial Guinea

1982-1987	Mebama unitary school
1987-1989	Pilot college

Secondary education, in Equatorial Guinea

1993	Instituto Carlos Lwanga: basic certificate
1995	Instituto Carlos Lwanga: advanced certificate
1996	Instituto Carlos Lwanga: school leaving certificate

Higher education, in Equatorial Guinea and China

1995-1998	Bata teacher training college, Equatorial Guinea: teacher certification
2000-2005	University of Shandong, China: degree in international politics

Other courses and seminars, in China

8-25 May 2008	Training course for young Latin American diplomats
3-16 July 2009	Course for senior diplomats from Latin America and the Caribbean

Professional experience, in Equatorial Guinea

1996-1998	Teacher at the Instituto Carlos Lwanga
2005-2007	Independent consultant at the Chinese company LLALLAGESL
2007-2008	Independent consultant at the Chinese company CMEC
10 March 2007 to the present	Diplomat in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation and Francophonie of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea

Languages

Spanish: very good

Chinese: good

French: a little

English: a very little

Information technology

Intermediate user knowledge: Internet, Microsoft Word, Excel

Interests

Reading, music and sports

Pedro Luis Pedroso (Cuba)

1987	Graduate in international political relations, Higher Institute of International Relations "Raúl Roa García", Havana
1989	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Havana
1992	Member of the delegation of Cuba to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
1994	Member of the delegation of Cuba to the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
1994-1997	Second secretary, Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations, New York, in charge of economics and financial affairs
1998-1999	Multilateral Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	Member of the delegation of Cuba to the fifty-third session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York
2000-2002	Deputy Director for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	Member of the delegation of Cuba to the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, New York
2002-2006	Ambassador of Cuba to the Republic of Kenya and Permanent Representative to United Nations Environment Programme and United Nations Human Settlements Programme
	Elected member of the Compliance Committee of the Kyoto Protocol of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
2006 to the present	Deputy Director for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Thomas Schlesinger (Austria)

Born 11 April 1964 at Graz, Austria

Education

École nationale d'administration (France)
Diploma

Georgetown University United States of America, Graduate School of Foreign Service, Fulbright scholar
Master of science in foreign service

Karl-Franzens-University (Austria), law school
Master of law

Karl-Franzens-University (Austria), business school
Master of business administration

Languages

German, English and French

Professional experience

Since 2009	Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Austria, Paris
2003-2009	Counsellor, national coordination of Permanent Representatives Committee I of the Council of the European Union, coordination of the *Austrian Foreign Policy Yearbook*, coordination of the foreign affairs information system, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs
1996-2003	Counsellor for budgetary, financial, administrative, personnel/ common system and reform issues for the United Nations
2002	Vice-Chair of the Committee on Conferences
1998	Rapporteur of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
1997	Vice-Chair of the Committee on Conferences
1995-1996	Department of International Organizations, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Austria
1994-1995	Attaché, Embassy of Austria, Paris
1993-1994	Department of Legal and Consular Affairs, Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Austria
1993	Assistant to the Judge, Graz Court, Austria
1991-1992	Lecturer, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.
1988	Research assistant, Department of Labour Law, Karl-Franzens-University (Austria)